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Office Action Summary

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Richard Edgar

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 March 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because:

- The drawings are not numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals (see 37 C.F.R. §1.84(u)(1)). Specifically, FIG. 6a and Fig. 6b are not partial views intended to form one complete view. Similarly, Fig. 7a and Fig. 7b are not partial views intended to form one complete view. The examiner suggests renumbering “Fig. 6a”, as “Fig. 6”; “Fig. 6b” as “Fig. 7”; “Fig. 7a” as “Fig. 8”; and “Fig. 7b” as “Fig. 9”. Similar changes to the specification are also recommended to correspond with the changes to the view numbers.
- The reference character “11” does not appear in the specification (see 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5)). The examiner suggests inserting “11” after “ground” in the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 25.
- The reference character “21” is not in the drawings (see 37 C.F.R. §1.84(p)(5) and page 12, line 7 on the specification).

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “switching devices” of claim 5 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On page 7, line 7, use of the term "wind" appears to be a word processing error and should be replaced with -- winch --.

On page 7, line 13, the numeral "6" added by the preliminary amendment appears to be an error and should be deleted.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1 and 2, the phrase "such as" (line 2) renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claims 3-5 are dependent upon one of indefinite claims 1 and 2, and are therefore indefinite themselves.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5, as far as they are definite, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0137348 A1 (Pas hereinafter).

Pas shows a wind power installation comprising a plurality of installation parts 2,3,4 assembled to form a wind power installation at the location of construction of the wind power installation, wherein a container 1 is such that it accommodates the pylon 2,3 of the wind power installation via the support 8 and forms the foundation of the wind power installation. Installation parts 19,20,21,22 are disposed in the container 1 during transport to the building site.

The container 1 is capable of accommodating a transformer of the wind power installation (see FIG. 2). Also, switching devices 17, 18 are provided in the container in an operating room/area (see FIG. 2).

Pas shows a process for the production of a wind power installation comprising a plurality of installation components 2,3,4 transported by means of a container 1 of standard dimension (see paragraph 0014) to the building site of the wind power installation, wherein the container accommodates the pylon 2,3 of the wind power installation via the support 8 and forms the foundation of the wind power installation.

Regarding claim 4, the pylon 2,3 is erected by means of a cable winch 13 (see paragraph 0023).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

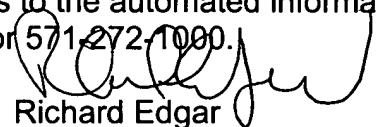
The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the process of sinking the container into a hole in the ground is deemed to be directed to an unobvious improvement over the Pas invention since the Pas invention is mobile and teaches away from an immovable installation (see paragraph 0049).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard Edgar whose telephone number is (571) 272-4816. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Thur. and alternate Fri., 7 am- 5 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Look can be reached on (571) 272-4820. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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